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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON CHIKUNGUNYA FEVER EPIDEMIC IN GABON

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[1](#)1. (U) According to the Ministry of Health, there have been 2051 new cases of chikungunya fever since May 14, bringing the total number of cases in and around Libreville to 7,500. Although 127 of these cases have required hospitalization, health authorities report no deaths from the virus.

[1](#)2. (U) On May 18, the Prime Minister presided over a meeting that included Libreville and Owendo city governments to discuss organizing a decontamination operation in Libreville and Owendo. The effort is centered on the removal of large piles of garbage, which provide a breeding ground for the suspected vector-the mosquito.

[1](#)3. (U) During a May 19 press conference, the surveillance unit for chikungunya expressed concern regarding the number of unreported cases of the disease. Officials also reported on their plans for medicine distribution and insecticide dissemination.

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